Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein depressions ~~(2, 23)~~ are embossed into the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in order to form a channel suitable for capillary liquid transport.

3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2, 23)~~ are embossed transversely with respect to the direction of advance ~~(39)~~ of the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, on both sides of the depressions ~~(2)~~, individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ are separated in sections from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ along virtual separating lines ~~(5)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the virtual separating lines ~~(5)~~ are chosen in accordance with a predeterminable, selectable division ~~(12)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2)~~ in the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are designed with a rounding ~~(34)~~ at a base of the depression ~~bottom (4)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2)~~ in the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are designed with a depression base ~~(4)~~ which has a triangular contour ~~(35)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the forming step includes the step of forming recesses that define the puncturing points on one face of the band-shaped support material, the recesses ~~(11) on~~

~~the first face (9) are~~ being punched out or cut out from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~, with first and second edges ~~(14, 15)~~ being formed.

9. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recesses ~~(11)~~ on the first face ~~(9)~~ of the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are produced so as to be symmetrical with respect to the separating lines ~~(5)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first and second edges ~~(14, 15)~~ of the recesses ~~(11)~~ defining the puncturing points ~~(16)~~ are ground.

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the puncturing points ~~(16) formed on the first face (9) of the band-shaped support material (1)~~ are provided with a soft plastic cover ~~(18)~~ covering them.

12. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a coating ~~(21)~~ covering the depressions ~~(2)~~ and ~~the~~ material containing the detection element ~~(22)~~ are applied to the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in one work step.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~claims~~ claim 2 ~~and 11~~, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a coating ~~(21)~~ covering the depressions ~~(2)~~ and ~~the~~ a material containing the detection element ~~(22)~~ are applied to the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ one after the other.

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ are separated singly or in groups from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ transversely with respect to the direction of advance ~~(39)~~ along the separating lines ~~(5)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in the case of individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ being separated from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in groups along the separating lines

(5), perforations are formed to make handling easier.

16. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~claims~~ claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depression base (4) of the depressions (2) is provided with a hydrophilic coating which improves the wetting behaviour of a liquid reservoir (32).

17. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a material containing the detection element (22) is applied to the band-shaped support material (1) near the puncturing ~~point~~ (16) points.

18. (Currently Amended) A method ~~Method~~ for producing combined puncturing and measuring devices for detection of an analyte in liquid, including a support (1) and a detection element (22), the method comprising the following method steps:

forming puncturing points (16) on a band-shaped support material (1),

sealing the puncturing points (16),

sterilizing the puncturing points (16) and/or the band-shaped support material (1), and

applying a detection element (22) to the band-shaped support material (1).

19. (Currently Amended) A combined ~~Combined~~ puncturing and measuring device for detection of an analyte in liquid, produced in particular according to claim ~~1~~ 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies (6) have a puncturing point (16) which is provided with a soft plastic cover (18) and comprise a detection element (22) which is applied to the individual puncturing/measuring disposable body (6) after the latter has been sterilized and/or sealed.

20. (Currently Amended) The combined ~~Combined~~ puncturing and measuring device according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the detection element (22) is applied to a channel which has been embossed as a depression (2, 23) in the individual puncturing/measuring disposable body (6) and which is suitable for capillary liquid transport.

21. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of separating individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies from the band-shaped support material.